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Or, JUST A CAMPIN'.

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CHAPTER XIII.-CONTINUED.

"Talk about faith movin' mountains," said the man who handled the pipe, as he watched the dirt crumble and dis-

it every time." John Parsons turned from the sight, destruction and leave the settlers in When a little more than half way faint and sick at heart. He had seen peace. Surely, these men who are allowed a home, as they were winding around a dations as the dust is washed from the others of their homes in order to pile bunch of tall grass by the roadside sudpaved streets of a city by a July shower. up heaps of gold that can add nothing denly sprang up and bounded across, and the valley must become its rest- to their own comfort. ing place. Farms, and orchards, and mountain's top.

you well? John Parsons turned squarely around rather pompous though cordial air.

"'Ow is Mrs. Parsons and the young wine.

It is not to be supposed that Mr. Jobbers' invitation was caused by his having noticed the look of exhaustion and hopelessness which had settled to follow Mr. Jobbers. upon the face of John Parsons. He was not in the habit of noticing the look of an inspiration. In an instant the people's faces, unless he suspected them | whole situation, the degree of responsi- look for the boy. of having designs upon his purse. He bility of each interested party, and the was not a bad man at heart; he was requirements of justice, stood out as road where the buckboard was over- of charcoal; and, secondly, that which even capable of being generous at clearly as the clouds, when illumined turned, he rushed over the bluff, nearly is due to the pungent aromatic odors

lieved he was If a beggar appealed to him in a par- night.

in a storm without sufficient clothing. again. Besides, it was intended that some should be rich and some poor; of this would give the price of a meal of vit- threatened his home. uals just to prove to himself and the

him; at least not enough so to excite any fears of his bankrupting himself on Parsons ceased speaking the Englishthe part of his friends; and when it did man turned to his partner. occur it was invariably after having

John Parsons was not a lover of wine of his own making was always in his house, and often on his table; but now he felt that a glass of it would

He had utterly forgotten about Mr. | "What would your ranch be worth if Annelsey, and would have given him no you could not sell its products? thought had not Mr. Jobbers mentioned him, and now he did not think to in- medium of exchange, and gold must be quire why or where the young man had had in order to carry on business. All gone. It was sufficient that he was trade and commerce would cease if the fluencing the company to cease the work of destroying homes. But Mr. Jobbers was one of the company; he exchange your grapes and other fruits pened. Catching the dinner-horn from represented that half of the stock which for wearing apparel—the comforts and only be made to see how much damage | gold which is coined into money. was certain to be done, how many homes ruined if the work went on, he why the gold was placed in such fine or even for him to reach the door, called might, voting for those whom he rep- particles as to require that the hills be to Mr. Parsons to "come right in," at resented, stop the whole thing at once, washed down in order to obtain it, but the same time arranging the bed to reby stopping work upon his own mine undoubtedly it was for some wise purand refusing to sell water to the other pose; and in bringing it forth we are

have men ever refused to get rich from rich; so you see you are acting very fear of ruining others?-yet John Par- selfishly as well as foolishly in suggestsons said to himself that he would try, and if that failed he would threaten them with the law. No, not the law, for he felt that that was always on the side of the rich. Only the higher law: the right of every human being to all the products of his own toil, and to defend that right regardless of consequences to those who attempted to violate that law, was worthy of being appealed to, he thought; and he called to appealed to this higher law and administered justice with a bold hand.

But now he would go with Mr. Jobbers and would see what could be done to save his own home and those of his neighbors from destruction.

CHAPTER XIV. DEEPENING SHADOWS. So that he gathered the red ore and precious

bled?
What has he recked of altars everthrown;
Of brave men dead; of hearthstones
Overgrown with weeds? Deeds
Of man in all the past proclaim
He only cared for gold—gold and a name;
For that his name might live,
He oft has carved it deep in living,
Ouivering human flesh;
Just as he mar'd the beauty of the hills,
And bar'd the streams from out their places,
And scar'd the face of nature
With deep seams cut in her face

With deep seams cut in her face In his mad search for gold. A very foolish thought it was-that fort left him-to hide in the bosom of

the homes of a hundred poor men made desolate.

he should show Mr. Jobbers how the lutely valueless thousands and thou- father's woe. faith and a stream of water from one by hard work—surely, he thought... random, and again relapsed into the when they know this, these men will silence which was so depressing to the not refuse to cease their work of child.

"No, no," he said to himself, "it is vineyards would be covered, at the not possible that they can be so heart- their movement that the horses themfirst great flood, with the worthless less as that. They have not considered selves, half asleep and jogging along earth of the mountain tops which was the damage it will do to the ranchmen under a loose rein and with ears now pouring through the sluice into the and their families or they would never dropped forward, took fright and jumped parat vely healthy, and the operation gulch below. Fertile fields would be have gone on with the work," and he quickly sideways, overturning the made barren, their owners impover- began to blame himself that he had buckboard and throwing its occupants ished, their homes made desolate; all, not sooner called their attention to the out with considerable force. all that a few men already rich might fact, and so have saved these generous Clinging to the lines, as he instinctgrow richer by possessing themselves men who were to suffer the loss of so ively did, prevented John Parsons from geon, a cavalry officer and a farmer. of the few penny's worth of gold that much wealth rather than wrong others, going over the bluff, and after being lay hidden in each cubic foot of the and to devise means for raising at least dragged a few rods he brought the ly one hundred acres, with excellent a portion of it among his neighbors, horses to a stop and arose to his feet pasture land, clay and moor patches, "'Ow do you do, sir; I 'ope I see who would thus have escaped the unharmed, excepting a few scratches

threatened destruction. and stood face to face with Mr. Job-bers, who extended his hand with a would give five hundred or even a wrenched from his grasp in the fall, —An air-balloon railw thousand dollars himself. It was only was thrown violently over the bluff, just that he should, since he had al- and rolled half-way down its steep Salzburg, a mountain of no great ladies; well, I 'ope? Mr. Hannelsey lowed the company to go to such heavy side, being caught at last by a huge was telling me before 'e left as 'ow e expenditures without calling their at- bowlder which had itself fallen down view over the beautiful environs of 'ad hoften called on you during 'is fish- tention to the damage that would be from above at some previous period. ing and 'unting excursions. Come hup done, and doubtless many others would to my quarters and ave a glass of do as much. Yes, it could all be ar- arose was of Johnny, and he looked of its car, will ascend a perpendicuranged easily, and his home would be around, hoping to see him unburt and lar line of rails, constructed on the saved after all.

All this passed through John Par-

He did not reason it out. It came as times and in a way-or at least he be- by the lightnings, stand out against pitching headlong in his haste, and which are fatal to the lower organ- thousand cattle. the blackness of earth and sky at mid- scrambled down its side, coming upon isms. As coffee is always on hand in

ticularly touching manner he gave him Yet when he found himself in the eyes closed and one arm bent under in ally serviceable as a dressing during heat of the climate. poor persons trav-, and had even been known to office of the company, and had been give a half-crown when feeling espe- introduced to the representative of the broken, and with blood issuing from states that cold black coffee is the cially amiable: but it never oc-curred to him that a beggar quite so certain that they would see it

For a moment John Parsons stood ly as people in affluent circum- Somehow that look of self-sufficiency against which the body lay. stances would do if by accident they and air of assured prosperity brought | The next instant his strength rewere to miss a meal, or be caught out back the clouds and made all dark turned, and with great beads of per-

And so, slowly and brokenly at first, and then rapidly, and with a native elo- the lad's heart. placed him. He was contented with bit of his past history; the wrongs he out of the gorge several rods in advance his lot, and he felt that he thereby per- had suffered, he and his, and of his of where the horses stood hitched to the formed pretty nearly his whole duty to willingness to give largely to help re- manzenita bush. society, and he had no sympathy with imburse the company for their expendi-

world that he could be generous as well bers turned towards him with a look of limp body and the scent of blood, and surprise upon his red face that speedily | drew back.

eaten a hearty dinner.

Then, too, he recognized the claims of hospitality; and having eaten and give up our henterprise and let the gold out. He laid his burden carefully on Lord Salisbury has done the same

wine, and seldom drank it, although least the muscles of his face drew back turned off to the left into a by-road selves beneath the royal mahogany. from the mouth slightly. He evidently pitied the ignorance of a man who could make such a request, and who could make such a request. stiffen him up and may be clear his now sat with his arm thrown about his was showing signs of returning life, took my wife, my daughter and one of ideas, which some way seemed terribly boy, Johnny having crept to his side and a hope that he might not be so my sons with me. One pleasant after-

the situation, Mr. Parsons," he said. father's breast.

"Gold," he continued, "is the world's gone, and so could be of no use in in- supply of gold did not keep pace with was held in London, and if he could necessities of life-if it were not for the

the mines. And to all this John Parsons could his lips parted and a low moan escaped

answer not a word. was fallacious, even blasphemous. That side and looked at his boy with agony it certainly could not be necessary; that depicted in every lineament of his face God could not have intended it to be more terrible than that of his child's, necessary, that the very means of exist- and when another moan came and the ence, the soil, which is the origin of all eyes of his boy were turned to him as if wealth, should be rendered barren and pleading for help, he buried his face in mind the instances in which men who valueless in order to obtain that with the bedclothes and grouned as if his very were being robbed under guise of legal which to exchange wealth; and that soul was being wrung from him. enactments there on the coest had there was no justice in robbing him and his that others might possess more of that of which they already had enough for all their needs.

But he was not accustomed to argument. He had just made the longest speech of his life, and these men judged it foolish and him insane. He could say no more, and he arose without a word further, and carrying his boy in his arms, passed out of the building and turned towards the place where he had turned towards the place where he had the speech of his life, and these men judged it foolish and him insane. He could say ought take the best stern glance. In the meantime, my stern glance. Some of the child we know how until a tornado from a cyclone. The great a tornado from a cyc

He had but one thought now-to get less that will be." back home.

His wife, he dimly felt, would sym- of the door almost before Mrs. Jones pathize with him and comfort him; that | had ceased speaking. is, such comfort as she could give, which was all the comfort that he would ever horses without even unhitching the tugs know. He should never be anybody again; never hold up his head again among men. Powerless to protect out upon the main road and across the those he loved, there was but one com- little valley.

Fron County Register of John Parsons—that a rich company his rannly, the members of whom would which had expended more than one pity him although they might not be which had expended more than one pity him although they might not be hundred thousand dollars in erecting able to have much respect for one who water flumes and sluices for washing was a man, yet could not protect them down the hills and gathering gold, from poverty and suffering and hunger. would cease operations just because a In his over-wrought state of mind it few thousand acres of vineyard and seemed to him that his home was algrain lands would be destroyed, and ready gone, and he would not have been surprised, could he have been suddenly transported to his cottage, to have And yet John Parsons saw nothing found it a mass of ruins, with the rose foolish in the thought. On the contrary | vine dead above the porch, and his vinehe felt momentarily certain that when vard, and orchard, and fields covered with a mass of debris from the mines.

stones and earth washed down would He paid his bill at the boarding house be carried through the sluice into the without seeing the party to whom he gorge, and from there into the creek, paid it, watered his horses and hitched filling up its bed and causing it to seek them to the buckboard mechanically, new channels; that with the first great and turned their heads homeward with flood the sand and gravel would be a look of such absolute hopelessness carried over the whole valley, and set- that even Johnny was silent, his young tling as the water receded, render abso-spirts overborne by the weight of his

sands of acres of fine agricultural lands | Several times during the first half of solve, while great trees and rocks slow- worth more to future generations than the homeward journey the boy tried to ly sank into the abyss. "Talk about all the gold in the mountains; land now arouse his father by pointing to some faith movin' mountains, and I'm a covered with vineyards and orchards bird, or flower, by the roadside, but if 1-e-e-t-l-e bit skeptical, I am; but say, and the cottages of nonest people, who he heard at all both the lad only in monosyllables, or at had made every dollar they possessed the lad only in monosyllables, or at

enough. They would wash the earth ready rich and can provide their fami- hill upon the edge of a deep gorge, two of those hills from their rocky foun- lies with every luxury, will not deprive deer which had been sleeping in a almost under the noses of the horses. So unexpected were their presence and

> and bruises about the face and limbs. It could be arranged, he thought, But Johnny, having nothing to cling to

scrambling up the bank. sons' brain in a moment as he turned His father called once; then againthen he hastily tied the now perfectly quiet animals to a stunted manzenital covered in burnt coffee a new antitree by the roadside and ran back to septic dressing for wounds. The ac-

Not seeing him from the point on the produced by burnt coffee as a form

had any feelings except of cold or in the same light in which he saw it; or with a look of awful horror on his face, hunger, and these he supposed only in that the inspiration which had come to and then his strength left him and he a modified degree, and not keen- him had reached their minds also, staggered and leaned upon the rock

spiration standing out upon his face, he knelt down and placed his hand over he had no doubt whatever; and it was quence that his ungrammatical words | There was a faint fluttering there, the duty of every one to be contented could not hide, he poured out the story and raising the body in his arms he in the condition in which God had of his hopes and fears, mingled with a worked his way up to the road, coming

Still holding the body in his arms he those who made complaint against their tures, if they would stop the supply of attempted to unsnap the halter strap condition in life; but occasionally water and so remove the danger which with which they were tied, intending to leave it hanging to the bush; but the When he began speaking. Mr. Job- horses were frightened at sight of the

any fears of his bankrupting himself on Parsons ceased speaking the English- were done it must be allowed to drag pressed at the time. And I believe on the ground and might cause the that her ladyship-he was accompanied "Well, Hi never," he said, speaking horses to stumble and again throw him by a daughter-was also impressed. I slept beneath the roof of the man now standing before him, he wished to prove that he could be hospitable in his composes 'em may be washed down upon 'is blarsted bit of a ranch.''

The latt his butter carefully of the ground, untied the strap and sething. I shouldn't wonder if he had cured it in its place, again lifted his child in his arms, got upon the buck-board and drove with as much speed as vided his lordship's noble legs have had board and drove with as much speed as vided his lor ship's noble legs have had Mr. Jobbers' partner smiled. At he safely could down the hill, and then the opportunity of disporting them-

> As it chanced, the only occupant of the shanty at the moment was a woman, her husband being in the field, in the evening, intending to take a and the children at a neighbor's on an

stranger approaching with the limp pened. Catching the dinner-horn from the nail where it hung, she ran to the back door and blew several foud and sharp blasts, then rushed back, and "We do not know," he went on, without stopping to ask any questions, ceive the body.

John Parsons looked his thanks and doing a great thing for civilization, and laid his burden down upon the place It was a foolish thought, for when for the common people as well as the prepared for it, the woman assisting him, and placing the poor broken arm in as natural a position as possible. As ing such a thing as stopping work on she did so, the sufferer's eyes opened and closed, then opened again. Then

He felt that his opponent's reasoning John Parsons sank down by the bed-

"You had better go for a doctor at once," said Mrs. Jones, for that was the woman's name; "there's none nearer than the Landing, ten miles away, and the sooner he can be got here the betturned towards the place where he had lamount to anything very serious except left his horses.

He had but one thought now—to get less that will be."

turned towards the place where he had amount to anything very serious except livitation to view the cathedral, but redown to less the pain; and the sooner it is set the pain; and the sooner it is set the gentleman had evidently grown weary double skirt, and finished on the left saw Traveler. John Parsons was on his feet and out

TO BE CONTINUED.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

-The Lord Mayor of London is a Methodist minister. -Lawn-tennis now contests with cricket the honor of being the national

game of England. -There were over 8,000,000 inhabitants in Ireland in 1845; there are less than 5,000,000 now.

ers and 2.900 miles of canals, the French railways encounter some competition. -It is estimated that 750,000 people

-With 4,575 miles of navigable riv-

go into London by rail every day to earn their living and leave it again every night. -The Austrian authorities have established offices where all patent medicines intended to be offered for sale in

the country must be tested. -Dr. Prothero Smith. who founded the first hospital for women in England, has resigned his position as senior physician after forty-three years' service.

-Moritz Jokai, the Hungarian novelist. has conceived an original plan of dealing with autograph hunters. He him to tell me the name of the gentlewhich he is a member.

-Anæsthetics caused the death of eighteen persons in England and then beginning to cut a considerable Scotland last year. Nine were from the use of chloroform, six from ether, and three from a mixture of ether and chloroform. In every fatal case the patient had been comwas of a slight character.

-Berlin has an asylum for overworked and disabled horses under the management of a veterinary sur-The grounds have an extent of nearwater and bathing facilities, etc. In case of need the patients have ambulance wagons sent for them to trans-

-An air-balloon railway is about to be constructed on the Gaisberg, near height, but offering a magnificent the town. The balloon, which will Mr. Parsons' first thought when he have grooved wheels on one side principle of the wire-rope railway, But, no; he was nowhere in sight, invented years ago for the Righi, but never realized.

-Dr. Oppler, of Strassburg, has dis tion appears to be twofold; first that most efficacious and least injurious of all drinks in hot weather.

### SALISBURY'S FRIEND.

The American Gentleman Who Met Him

"I am very glad to find that my old friend Salisbury is doing so well," said a Brooklyn gentleman one morning recently as he looked up from his paper. to a friend who sat with him on the piazza of his summer residence on Staten Island.

"What Salisbury do you refer to?" asked the friend. "Surely you don't mean the Marquis of Salisbury. the

Prime Minister of England?" "That is exactly who I mean," said the former. "Why, have I never told you about my meeting with Lora Salisbury at Cologne? It was an impromptu affair, but it made a deep impression

mixed. Then, too, he suddenly remembered that he wanted to talk with "You evidently fail to comprehend beginning to find lodgment in his larrived at Cologne, and stopped at a beginning to find lodgment in his larrived at Cologne, and stopped at a hotel which was not far from the magnificent cathedral for which that city is famous. We left our apartments early stroll, but as we were descending the stairs my wife spied the open door of an ordinarily furnished parlor. She looked in and said: 'That's the public parlor. Let us go in.' We entered the room and found that the windows commanded a superb view of the cathedral. I noticed on the floor a carpet-bag and one or two umbrellas, but I supposed that these had been left there by some guests, and the idea that the room could possibly be anything but a publie parlor did not then enter my head.

"We gazed at and admired the vast and stately work of architecture for some moments. Then we heard steps, and, looking around, saw a gentleman, apparently of middle age, and accompanied by a young lady. They were evidently English. I observed that the gentleman was looking at me sternly, and it flashed through my mind that he might imagine that we were monopolizing the window accommodations of the room. We accordingly moved aside. leaving the strangers at liberty to select the window which they preferred. Still the gentleman looked sternly at me, while his companion looked haughtily at my wife and daughter. 'We must be more outspoken in our politeness,' thought I. Approaching the gentle-man, I bowed and invited him to step to the window and look at the cathedral. 'It would be impossible,' said 1, to find anywhere in Cologue a better view of the cathedral than is to be had from the windows of this parlor.' Even this failed to induce the strange gentle- is the easiest thing in the world to tell gentleman had evidently grown weary of merely regarding me sternly, and he responded to my pressing invitation. meat as you would for sausage; any He responded by announcing that the meat may be used, but beef is best. room was a private parlor which he Season with salt, pepper and onions; himself had engaged, and thereby indi- shape into flat cakes, dip the cakes in rectly invited myself and my family to egg and bread crumbs, and fry in dr.p-

then were there were no public parlors, and I cursed my own stupidity in not having remembered the fact be-

"I apologized for my mistake, and said that, finding the door open. I had taken the apartment for a public parlor. My wife apologized, my daughter apologized and the apologetic fever even seized upon my son. But we did not apologize as fully as we had intended to because neither the strange gentleman nor his companion made the slightest response to our explanations. They continued to gaze at us - he sternly and she haughtily. Apologizing under such discouraging circumstances is not pleasant. We could do nothing consequently, but beat a retreat, which we did with our countenances suffused with blushes and our bosoms filled with mortification. The possessor of the supposed public parlor watched us, still with a stern expression. until we were out of the room. Then the door was closed. We had forgotten for the time being all about the beauty and magnificence of the great Cologne cathedral. "I hunted up the landlord and asked

announces that he is willing to send a | man into whose private parlor we had page of his manuscript. with his signa- stumbled. 'Why,' replied he, in an ture, to any person who will send two awestruck whisper, that gentleman is florins to a certain charitable society of my lord the Marquis of Salisbury, great Englishman-a statesman. had heard of the Marquis, who was figure in English politics. The fact that his lordship was a man of some distinction did not in the least tend to lessen the mortification and anger which I felt. I spent the remainder of the evening with my family in our apartments. In fact, we locked ourselves in with the determination that on that evening. at least, we should not render it necessary for the American eagle to again hang his proud beak in shame owing to our ignorance of European customs. After thinking over the matter carefully I could not decide who I was most angry with. my Lord Salisbury, for refusing to accept my apologies, as it seemed to me that any gentleman would have done under the circumstances, or with myself for having failed to remember that in the hotel there was no such thing as a publie parlor.

"Ever since our little conference at Cologne I have spoken of the present Prime Minister of England, somewhat ironically, perhaps, as 'my old friend, Salisbury.' -N. Y. Times.

#### WILD BEASTS IN INDIA. Startling Figures Showing the Losses of

Human Life in 1883. It is startling to read in official returns that more than twenty-two thousand persons are annually destroyed in British India by wild beasts. The tiger alone, in 1883, killed nine hundred and eighty-five people, beside forty

Venomous serpents destroy immense the body of the boy where it lay, with military expeditions, it will be especi- numbers of wayfarers. Owing to the way in which it could only be if war times. A German writer also el mostly by night, and walk bare-footprotect the ankles. The deadly cobra is seldom active in the daytime, but he may be trodden upon in the darkness by uncovered feet. He attacks the traveler, who is found in the morning

dead upon the road. Often the shortest path between two villages lies through a jungle, where in the daytime the heat will rise to one hundred and sixy degrees under the blazing sun of India. .. The temptation to defer the journey until after sunset is to most natives irresistible, and in the tropics darkness quickly follows the departure of the sun. The natives walk in Indian file in the narrow track, and a loiterer falls an easy prey to a tiger crouching in ambush.

In many parts of India, despite the utmost efforts of the Government, wild beasts render life hard indeed to the people, for one pair of full-grown tigers, with cubs, will destroy from four to six bullocks each week. Often, in pure wantonness, a tiger will kill two or three cattle when he wants only a small part of one. A family of tigers will kill n a week more animals than a family of farmers can eat in a year.

The panther and the leopard are also terrible cattle-eaters, and the leopard has a particular habit of carrying off the dogs which are expected to guard the herd from his attacks. The Indian wolf is noted for his audacity in seizing children. In India animals have a character of ferocity which makes human lite in some districts well-nigh insupportable. - Youth's Companion.

## PARIS.

Nothing in the Way of | Exceptional Healthy Surroundings to Offer. In health. Paris is on a level with a hundred other places. It has nothing of its own to offer. Its climate presents a fair average of the qualities and faults of the central Continental weather; the ar is drier and more vivifying than that of England: extremes of heat and cold are sometimes felt, but they are unfrequent; strong winds are rare, and though fogs have become somewhat acclimatized of late years, the air is on the whole fairly bright and pleasant. But the same atmosphere may be found almost everywhere along the same parallel of latitude. The sani-

tary conditions are good; the sewerage is excellent; the water is abundant and pure, and the precautions against infection in all its forms are minute and well applied. The material conditions of life are, however, growing so much alike in all large towns that we are living ever where under more and more similar influences, and it may be said without much inexactness that, so far as Europe is concerned. what used to be called especially a healthy or unthe passenger saves \$2, and the railhealthy place, is becoming difficult to find. Epidemics come and go in Paris as they do in other centers of population, but they are seldom traceable to local causes, and usually assume a general character. But all these qualities are merely negative; they imply the absence of objections, not the presence of recommendations; Paris possesses no posi-tive advantages in climate or health. and English people will not be tempted to live in it for reasons of that sort .-

Fortnightly Keview. -An experienced Westerner says it a tornado from a cyclone. The great-

-Fried meat cakes: Chop lean raw leave the apartment as soon as we could conveniently do so. Then it flashed across my mind that in European hotels like the one in which we gg and bread crumos, and fry in dr.p-ping. Drain on a strainer; have ready a dish of nicely mashed potatoes, on which put your meat cakes and serve.

—The Huosehold.

AMONG THE SCALPERS.

New and Queer Race of People Brough! Only those interested and connected with the railroad business have a knowledge of the extent to which the ticket-scalping business has developed. The business is a most peculiar one, and possesses points which are intricate and very hard to understand. In fact, there is no regular system, as each person in the enterprise has a different method for doing his own business, and then departures from his established rules are necessary at times when the disposal of a ticket is concerned. St. Paul has its brokers; just as sharp ones as are in Kansas City or Ind anapolis, the two toughest scalping cities in America, with the exception of Chicago, which does not count. The work of the scalpers and their

clerks is to prevent people from buying their tickets at the authorized ticket-offices and sell at the r own office tickets which are quite often second-hand. They always agree to sell at a lower figure than that charged by the ralway ticket agent, and they invariably do. The railroad companies always allow them a certain commission on every ticket they sell over their respective roads, and the scalper, as an inducement for passengers to go by his route, divides his commission with his customer. Scalpers in St. l'aul have been known to be so generous as to give their eastern commission to the passengers as an inducement for him to buy from them. When there is a rate war the scalpers generally lay in a large stock of tickets at a low price, and when rates are restored they can make a rate that surprises the general passenger agents and ticket agents of the roads. They have broker friends at St. Louis, Kansas City and Chicago, and when they have not through tickets in stock (tickets reading to points beond the places named) they give the person a letter of introduction to their ticket through to destination.

agent in those places, who furnishes a down, she went in again and saw her be-The railroad companies persist in declaring the scalpers a nuisance and an evil, but they appear to be a necessary evil, for the first thing a railroad com-pany looks out for in St. Paul is to have Well, never mind, I'll call again." a good scalper—one who can tell a in the spring she had other household artistraightforward, up-and-down yarn sies to purchase at the store, and after they without cracking a smile, and have a were made she proceeded to the department purchaser take it as though it was where stood the much longed-for vase. It sugar-coated. The paying of comm s-sions to scalpers is being seriously con-"Fifteen dollars," replied the agreeable sidered by all railroad companies in the country, and it is very probable take it? Well, no! But she went home that commissions will be abolished. If and told her husband of the chance, and he this happens the scalper will have to depend entirely on the revenue received from the profit on scalped tickets she wanted the thing, why hadn't she from the profit on scalped tickets. bought it in the first place. Well, she This would have the effect of driving a would go back at once and get it. The number out of the business, as the de- woman who hesitates about a bargain loses creased revenue would not support them | it, for when she again sought that precious all. A dozen years ago all tickets wase she found it had been broken! "Where were unlimited ones. When the rail-road companies proposed limited t ckets said, with tears in her voice. Well, no, it ed or wear only a sandal that does not | their effect was felt, as it prevented scalping at local points. The unlimited ticket has a number of coupons, any one of which the holder could detach and present to the conductor; but the limited prevents this, as the whole of the ticket has to be presented to the conductor for passage to destination. The old style of tickets made it a very easy thing to commence the brokerage. business, but now that the limit is short the tickets are more difficult to handle. Lately the railroad companies have been using an ironclad ticket, which requires the purchaser's signature when the ticket is bought, and again the purchaser must sign in presence of the agent of the connecting line on his return trip. But this appears to be a very unpopular method, and within the past few months the system has been almost abolished, and will in time be done away with, as now the lines running from Chicago to St. Paul and the lines from Kansas City to St. Paul are selling round-trip tourist tickets at a very low rate, stamping them on the face "signature and identification not required." When the lines at Chicago and Kansas City sell these tickets it is with a perfect understanding that the tickets are to be scalped at St. Paul. The same thing is done to and from every point in the United States. This

goes to show that if the railroad companies did not approve, assist and protect the scalpers their names would be Dennis. They could not exist. A ticket scalper is really a middleman between the railroad companies and the public, or rather in St. Paul they are a medium through which the railroad companies sell their tickets, and generally all railroad companies will howl and call a ticket scalper a demoralizer of the rates when he really could not cut any rate without their consent. They do this, however, to throw the burden off their own shoulders. There are so many railroads running to competitive points in the United States that the long lines mean to compete with the short lines, and put tickets on sale by indirect routes as cheap as the short lines do, which naturally scalps the local points on this line. There are points on the Northern Pacific Railway where tickets can be bought to Chicago via St. Paul as cheapiy as to St. Paul proper.

The consequence is that the passenger buys to Chicago, and on arrival in St. Paul scalps the part of his ticket reading St. Paul to Chicago, and thereby gets back a portion of his fare to St. Paul. This ticket is held by the scalper someone comes along and until wants to purchase a ticket to Chicago. The regular second-class fare is \$9, and he will sell this ticket at perhaps a reduction of \$2, and road company gets the rate it asks. This shows that the scalper is a necessary evil to both the railroad companies and the public .- St. Paul Globe.

## Jackets of Lace and Velvet.

Lace jackets lined with silk are revived by Parisiennes. Some of these are of the lace wrought in shape, while others are made up of alternate rows of insertion and velvet, such as thread insertion with black or copper red or yellow velvet, or Valenciennes insertion with stripes of mauve, pink ot blue velvet ribbon. Sleeveless velvet side with a velvet panel which extends from the belt to the foot. This is very handsome in rich brown velvet, with ficelle or twine colored lace; the wool

THE "MASHER" MASHED. A maiden coy and tall, slim boy Sate wooing on a stile; The boy's lip wore a mustache slight The girl's face wore a smile.



I love thee, Dulce," quoth the youth "This really is Chicago truth."
"And I," the siren softly sighed,
"Would rather you would have it dyed,"

Oh, taunt me not," the lad then said, "But tell me, dearest, shall we wed?"
The tired wind the dead leaves stirred
But "Dye it, Charles," was all it hear

His flashing eyes now ceased to flash, He wasn't now so badly mashed. Oh, girls, it is too rashy rash To trifle with a boy's mustache.

He left the maiden on the stile, With never so much as a smile.
The blue-eyed beauty, rather rude,
Had paralyzed the beardless dude.
—Philadelphia Call.

A WOMAN'S BARGAIN. the Who Hesitates Is Not Always Lost-A Not Obscure Moral.

Last Christmas one of our rich men's wives saw a vase in a shop which delighted her heart, and she at once asked its price of the obliging salesman who had been following her about for an hour or two. "Thirty dollars, madame." "O, that is too much! Well, I'll call again," with a lingering look at the vase. Some time after Christmas, when goods are always marked loved vase still unsold. Another clerk this time was at her elbow. "How much is this vase?" asks the lady, remembering very well it was thirty dollars. The man looked. "O, that is too much! was not very much smashed, and then this persistent bargain-hunter asked the price of the blessed fragments and obtained them for two dollars! After being mended it was placed in triumph in the corner of the room originally intended for its reception, where it looks as perfect, it must be con-fessed, as when it left the manufacturer's hands. You may apply any moral you please to this transaction, and quote the proverbs: "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," or "Patient waiters are no tosers," or "A bird in the hand, etc.," but you won't find one to fit the case of this particular bargain-hunter. For her family has tried and failed. - Chicago Tribune



BARBER TO VICTIM: "Which side shall

#### part them on?"-Sam. THE MOSQUITO.

Now the troubled sleeper waketh,
And ariseth, all undrest,
To destroy the dread mosquito
That hath broken up his rest.
And the gas he quickly lighteth,
And his pillow seizeth he,
With a full determination
His disturber killed shall be.
And that pillow wild he slingeth,
With an arm both firm and strong,
But his foe its doom cludeth,
And continueth its song.

But his foe its doom Gindern,
And continueth its song.
And to bim that one mosquito
Which upon him fain would feast
So ubiquitous appeareth
That it seemeth ten at least.
From the combat he retireth,
All his strength and patience past;
And that stoical mosquito
Feasteth on his blood at last.
—Boston Saturday Evening Gazette.

A gentleman who had been away from Texas several years, on his return to his former residence began to speak about his old friends. "What has become of Tom Billings, who

ased to be so fast, and give his father so nuch trouble? His father was a banker." "Tom is here yet. He has gone into the banking business

"You mean he has started a faro bank?" "No, he has gone into a legitimate banking business. He is in partnership with the old man."
"I hadn't heard anything about it. What

does Tom do in the business? I didn't think he had ability for any department of "O, yes, he has real genius. The old man has to see that the money comes in,

and Gus sees that it goes out again, and Tom manages his department very well."-Texas Siftings.

Was Cheaper. "Gregory is awful close," said a man to a

"Yes, but he is not nearly so close as his father was. The old man was pretty well off and he did have a warm affection for a dollar. He was taken ill once and his physician told him that if he did not go off to

She Could Wait.

An Austin lady sent her servant over to the house of a sick neighbor. "Mrs. Smith itants in Ireland in 1845; there are less than 5,000,000 now.

In house of a sick neighbor. "Mrs. Smith saunt me ober to ask you how your husband am comin' on dis mawnin'." "Very bad, indeed. The doctor says he may die any minute," was the reply. "Den I reckon I had better wait a little while, as I hasn't got nuffin else to do image now."—Texas Siftings.